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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am writing to express my support of the November 2, 2001 settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. The last thing the country needs is our benevolent government spending additional time and resources pursuing Microsoft that ultimately benefits competitors who are using the legal system in stead of superior products to defeat Microsoft in the market place. There are more important issues for the government to address. Our economy is on a down slope, unemployment is on the rise, public health and related legacy environmental issues need to be acted on, and money laundering is requiring greater amounts of manpower with its increasing threat as food for ciminal endeavors.

The US should stay focused on the events of the recent past and wake up to the fact that petty legal means to chip away at Microsoft's hard-won success benefits none but a few. Common knowledge is that international criminals have us in their crosshairs; what rights have Microsoft so violated to deserve such scrutiny? Microsoft, if anything, is at the forefront helping individuals and the country realize our potential through leading edge technology, philanthropy and enterprise also benefiting Microsoft's employees, vendors and end-users that span the country and the globe.

Under the terms of the settlement, Microsoft has accepted to undergo major changes in the way they conduct business. It includes the following:

Granting new rights to computer manufactures to configure their systems to access various Windows features as they see fit.

Microsoft must design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software.

The DOJ will create an ongoing technical oversight committee. It will have access to various Microsoft trade secrets and intellectual property -- a painful right to ownership for any company to give up.

Finally, the settlement negates the rights of no one as competitors can still sue Microsoft if they feel Microsoft isn't complying with these terms.

Please settle these legal actions under the current agreed terms and redirect your energies to the slim that is out to distroy America.

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